



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

Violet Varona-Lukens, Executive Officer  
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
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At its meeting held April 22, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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The following statement was entered into the record for Supervisors Knabe and Burke:

“On June 4, 2002, the Board approved the Safe Haven Task Force recommendations that included 12 recommendations to effectively implement the Newborn Abandonment Law (SB 1368), often referred to as the ‘Safely Surrendered Baby Law’ in Los Angeles County. Included was a recommendation to expand the number of Safe Surrender sites.

“SB 1368 allows the Board to expand the number of Safe Surrender sites beyond the private or public hospital emergency rooms designated by law. Subsequently, the Board has exercised that authority and designated fire stations in nine cities as Safe Surrender locations. The Board has continued to actively recruit municipal fire departments to participate in the County’s Safe Surrender program.

“Today, the cities of Downey and Culver City are requesting that the Board include their fire stations as Safe Surrender sites.”

Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Knabe, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried (Supervisor Molina being absent), the Board took the following actions:

1. Adopted resolutions designating Fire Stations in the Cities of Downey and Culver City as "Safe Surrender" sites in Los Angeles County, effective April 22, 2003, pursuant to SB 1368, the Newborn Abandonment Law;

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2. Requested the Fire Chiefs of the Cities of Downey and Culver City to designate the classes of employees required to take physical custody of the infants, as required by Penal Code Section 271.5;
3. Requested the Cities to utilize the safe surrender kits developed by the County or similar ones developed by the individual city; and
4. Requested the designated cities' fire stations to prominently display the uniform "Safe Surrender" logo at the entrance to their facilities.

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Fire Chief, Cities of Downey and Culver City  
Mayor, Cities of Downey and Culver City